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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG IZ KU

SUBJ: IRAQI-KUWAITI TERRITORIAL DISPUTE AND INOC DEEP

SEA TERMINAL

REF: A: STATE 197416

B: BAGHDAD 555

C: BAGHDAD 488

1. OUR BEST ESTIMATE IS THAT INOC DEEP SEA TERMINAL AT KHOR AL-KAFKA IS WITHIN IRAQI TERRITORIAL WATERS, AS ALSO REPORTED BY USINT BAGHDAD (REF B).

2. WE HAVE DISCUSSED SUBJECT WITH BRITISH EMBASSY HERE WHICH HAS DETAILED CHARTS OF AREA, ALTHOUGH WE DO NOT HAVE DETAILED LOCATION OF PROPOSED TERMINAL. USING INFO REF C, AND OTHER INFO AVAILABLE TO BRITISH EMBASSY, WE AND BRITISH CONCLUDE THAT TERMINAL WILL LIE ON IRAQI SIDE OF LINE CONNECTING GENERALLY BELIEVED BOUNDARIES IN MOUTH OF KHOR BETWEEN IRAQ ON ONE SIDE AND WARBA/BUBIYAN ISLANDS ON THE OTHER AND OLD KUWAIT-IRANIAN MEDIAN LINE SOMEWHAT TO SOUTH. AS WE UNDERSTAND IT, THIS IS ONLY APPARENT BOUNDARY AND NOT FIRMLY AGREED ON.

3. AS PRACTICAL MATTER BELIEVE IRAQIS WILL BE ABLE

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